

# Unitarian Universalist Church of Davis Capital Campaign and Building Project



Groundbreaking Celebration, June 2011

*Do we celebrate a building? The building is our dream made visible. We dream of a different world. From the youngest infant to the eldest among us, our work together is to recognize and celebrate awe, wonder, and amazement. There is hunger for a message such as ours. Our work together is to build a world where hope doesn't just exist. It thrives.*

*We are called to help create a world where what is broken will be mended, where the captives of oppression are set free, a world where truth and what is right are shared freely. We need space in heart and mind, spirit – and physical space to help create this world of our dreams.*

– Rev. Beth Banks

## Our New Building

As a congregation, we identified our most urgent needs as space for Sunday Religious Exploration, for meetings, building accessibility (including restrooms), and social hall space with kitchen facilities. We also decided all improvements should be energy-efficient and “green”.

Our improvements to the sanctuary include a ramp, air conditioning, and better lighting.

We have razed the great hall and kitchen area. In their place we're building a social hall with rooms for meetings, Religious Exploration, a proper kitchen, and accessible restrooms. There will be room for all-church dinners and the kind of community-building we crave. Our wonderful new kitchen will allow us to prepare and share food, and to follow our Green Sanctuary principles by washing and reusing our dishes.



The Construction Zone: In this space, a new social hall will be attached to our sanctuary – which can be seen in the background.

## Length of the Project

Unanticipated delays are a reality in construction, but the project is expected to take about nine months. This means we may be enjoying our new social hall as soon as April 2012!

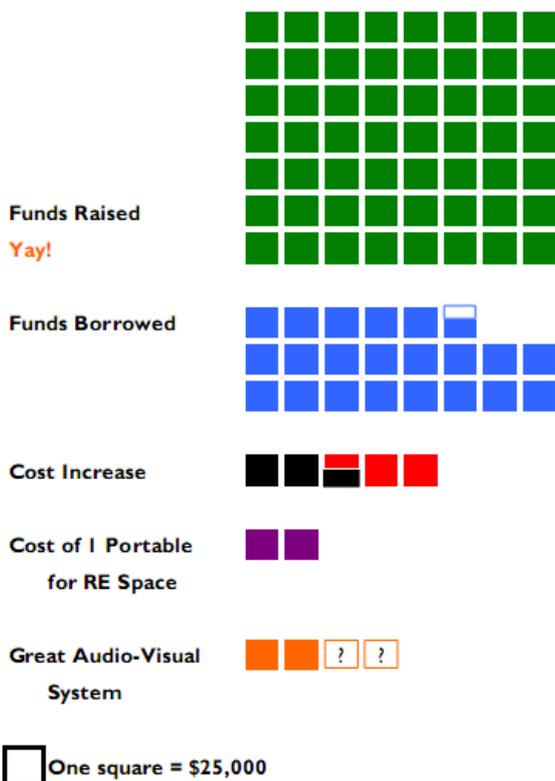
## Accessibility During Construction

Anticipate surprises. Embrace the unexpected. Flexibility and patience will be needed. There will be times when the route to a particular place, such as the library, becomes inaccessible for those with limited mobility. We will do our best to keep these instances to a minimum, and to have worship in our sanctuary throughout construction. Please feel free to contact the church office with questions about current conditions. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-3pm. 530.753.2581 x103, [office@uudavis.org](mailto:office@uudavis.org)

*Many thanks to the donors and volunteers who have made this dream a reality.*

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### Fundraising Prior to Groundbreaking:



### Donate: The Capital Campaign

A long and winding road took us into the steepest recession most of us have ever witnessed and brought us to today. Even so, UUCD plans for growth began long ago. Studies for expansion were done in the 1960s and 2000s. Starting in 2009, UUCD collected donations, pledges, and loans to fund the design and construction of a new social hall. Please contact the church office for capital campaign contribution information, or make a donation using the "Donate" link on our "Give" page at [www.uudavis.org](http://www.uudavis.org)

### Volunteer: Sweat Equity Parties

This is your construction project and the more you give, the more memories you'll have to share with family, friends, and the newcomers who join us. Not only are sweat equity parties fun, they conserve our precious capital campaign funds! To join a work party, please contact Barbara Bower.

Our sweat equity volunteers even salvaged the kitchen sink!



**Questions:** Contact the church office, 530.753.2581 x103, [office@uudavis.org](mailto:office@uudavis.org) or a member of the Building Task Force: Cath Bleyer, Chair; Rich Bradley, Project Budget Tracker; Jerry Friis, Landscape/Salvage; Virginia Thigpen, Building Project Manager; Jack Whitsett, Executive Team Liaison; Ron Wike, Site Work Project Manager; Bob Young, Archivist. *Ex officio:* Barbara Bower, Sweat Equity Work Parties; Marilu Carter, Communications. *Previous Members:* Steve Brennan and Patti Lawrence.